

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Hannel		
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**Preliminary Amendment**  
**Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Dear Sir:

Before taking up the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.